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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **UPDATE: Arrest Warrants Issued**

### **Financial Crimes Detectives seek assistance in 6<sup>th</sup> street area credit card thefts**

- Cases:** 11 Cases over 10 months
- Dates:** Friday and Saturday nights
- Time:** Late night/Early Morning hours
- Location:** 6<sup>th</sup> Street bars
- Charged:** Crystal Gail Cooley, Black female, DOB 12-09-79

The APD Financial Crimes unit is seeking the public's assistance in identifying four female suspects wanted for stealing credit cards and making unauthorized transactions. APD has recently received two reports in which males were targeted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Street area by a group of female suspects for the purposes of stealing their credit or debit cards. The behavior of the suspects is similar to 9 prior cases reported in 2008. Both recent victims report that they were possibly drugged due to their lapse in memory of the night's events.

All victims have been males who have reportedly disappeared from 6<sup>th</sup> Street after being separated from their friends. The victims woke up in the morning with little to no memory of the previous night except being taken from the 6<sup>th</sup> street area in a van or sport utility vehicle with 3-4 females. The victims found that their credit cards were missing and several unauthorized transactions had occurred during the previous night. Video footage of the fraudulent transactions and close up facial photos from ATM machines revealed four unidentified black females.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the APD Financial Crimes Division at 974-5290 or Crime Stoppers at 472-8477.



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**Update:** On October 5, 2009, Crystal Cooley was arrested in Georgia on an unrelated case. She has been charged with Debit Card Abuse in reference to the above incidents.

**Media Advisory:** Financial Crimes Detective Brenda Bauzon will be available for interviews at 1pm today at APD Headquarters. Please call APD PIO if you plan to attend.

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